

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification, cancelled Claims 1-9, amended Claims 10, 12, 16 and 17, and added new Claims 21 and 22. In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Claims 10-22 are pending.

In addition, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, along with PTO Forms 1449 listing the various references cited in connection with the parent application, i.e., Application Serial Number 09/265,677. Accordingly, in accordance with Rule 98(d), copies of each reference are not being filed herewith but can be found in the file for the parent application, and Applicants respectfully request that the various references be made of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Respectfully submitted,

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